The Miller-Driscoll PTA Newsletter



SCHOOLHOUSE SCOOP

STARS

We are so excited to welcome everyone for the start of the school year! In the PTA's first Schoolhouse Scoop - a 'Back to School' edition - we hope you will find helpful information about all things school related and various ways to get involved with your children's education. Miller-Driscoll is a very special place thanks to this amazing community and we can't wait for an incredible year ahead!

> Sincerely, Lindsey Mackay & Nicole Spellman President & Vice President

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Miller-Driscoll Main Office: 203-762-8678



IMPORTANT DATES

AUGUST

- Mon, 8/18: Bus numbers in PowerSchool (times on Wed)
- Wed, 8/20: Meet the Teacher
 - 9:00 9:45AM: PreK and K
 - 10:00 10:45AM: Grade 1 & 2
- Thur, 8/21: BOE meeting, 7pm, more info here
- Sat, 8/23: Playground Meetups more information below!
- Mon, 8/25: First Day of School!
- Tues, 8/26: First Day of Preschool!

SEPTEMBER

- Mon, 9/1: Labor Day: Schools Closed
- Thur, 9/4: BOE meeting, 7pm, more info here
- Fri, 9/5: Spirit Day! Wear MD gear or red & blue
- Wed, 9/10: Shortened Day: 1:15 pm, cafe closed (Professional Learning)
- Thur, 9/11: Open House PreK and K, 6:00 pm
- Wed, 9/17: Open House Grade 1 & 2, 6:00 pm
- Thur, 9/18: BOE meeting, 7pm, more info here
- Tues, 9/23: Rosh Hashanah: Schools Closed
- Tues, 9/30 & Wed, 10/1: Photo Day: More info to come.



Click to View & Print Full District Calendar

PTA INFORMATION!

First PTA Meeting will be Tues, 10/7 at 9:30am in person at MD or via GoogleMeets



Website: www.millerdriscollpta.org



CLICK HERE to follow us on Facebook



Email: president@millerdriscollpta.org

PLAYGROUND MEETUPS



The Miller-Driscoll PTA would like to invite you and your family to our annual Playground Meet-Ups! Come connect with friends and meet new classmates as we "swing"into the new school year!

When: Saturday, August 23

(Rain date: Sunday, August 24)

Where: Miller-Driscoll Playground Head behind the school and checkin at the Welcome Table. Each Kindergarten class will have a designated color and spot to meet, so be sure to sign in!

PLEASE NOTE: We do NOT have access to bathrooms during this event.

PreK 3's & 4's:

10:00am at the ELC Playground

KINDERGARTEN

9:30am - Badolato, Bucci, Coleman, Cook, Dentice
10:15am - Giaimo, Moccio, Sanna, Schulman
11:00am - Snitkoff, Sparks, Srihari, Sullivan, Vozzella

1st GRADE & 2nd GRADE:

11:45am - 12:30pm



SPIRIT WEAR AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!

IMPORTANT APPS TO DOWNLOAD

PARENTSQUARE



www.ParentSquare.com

- Access school announcements and communication from WPS,
 Miller-Driscoll, and the PTA.
- My Account → Notification Settings
 - Choose to receive emails or texts instantly or in a digest that goes out every evening

POWERSCHOOL/PARENT PORTAL



https://wilton.powerschool.com/public/home.html

Manage emergency contact information; access bus and teacher placement information; view progress reports and other assessments; attendance information.

SCHOOL DISMISSAL MANAGER (aka SDM)

- Update what your child's doing after school with an activity, sport, bus to friends house, absence, pick-up or leaving early/arriving late.
- You can set default dismissal instructions for each day of the week.
- K-2 parents will receive an email from School Dismissal Manager with their login/account setup instructions





• Early dismissals:

- Entered into SDM as "leaving early" and provide the reason
- Absence or tardiness:
 - Call 203-761-0364 or the main line 203-762-8678 and press 1 or email mdattend@wiltonps.org by 9:00 am
 - o ALSO change your child's dismissal in School Dismissal Manager
 - After 9:00 am children must be signed in by a parent/caregiver at the Main Office
- SDM can also be accessed via web browser: https://www.schooldismissalmanager.com



BUYING LUNCH APPS!







MYSCHOOLBUCKS

Add money to your child's lunch account

 Note: It may not be updated with new students the first day or two of school. Your child can still buy lunch! No child will be turned away or left without a lunch. The amount will be deducted from your account when the system updates and you are able to add money.

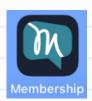
NUTRISLICE

https://wilton.nutrislice.com/ Monthly lunch menu

Chartwells Food Services is the outside vendor for WPS

ADDITIONAL HELPFUL INFO ON THE WPS WEBSITE

JOIN THE PTA - DIRECTORY APP!



MEMBERSHIP TOOLKIT A-Z

- PTA Membership is open!
 - o To join: millerdriscollpta.membershiptoolkit.com
 - o Pay your MD PTA dues & get access our digital student directory!
 - o Information to be updated with the current school year shortly
 - Email <u>membership@millerdriscollpta.org</u> with any questions.



SCHOOL HOURS

School	Regular Hours	Shortened Day/Early Release	Early Dismissal	
Cider Mill	7:40 – 2:15	7:40 - 12:00	7:40 – 11:30	
Middlebrook/WHS	8:20 - 2:55	8:20 - 12:35	8:20 - 10:30	
Miller-Driscoll	9:00 - 3:35	9:00 - 1:15	9:00 - 12:30	
Delayed Opening Hours				
	1-Hour Delay	2-Hour Delay	3-Hour Delay	
Cider Mill	8:40	9:40	10:40	
Middlebrook/WHS	9:20	10:20	11:20	
Miller-Driscoll	10:00	11:00	12:00	

- **Preschool:** 9:00 am 1:15 pm
- Preschool 4's: 9:00 am 3:30 pm Tues/Thurs

All students may begin entering the building at 8:45 am



BUS INFO

Children are strongly encourage to ride the bus!

- Mon, 8/18: Bus numbers will be available in PowerSchool
- Wed, 8/20: Estimated pickup times will be finalized

Please be at your stop at least 5-10 minutes before the scheduled arrival!

First week(s) are always an adjustment as everyone gets used to the new routes, seatbelts, etc!

- Kindergartners will get a bus name tag for their backpacks at Meet the Teacher.
- All kindergarteners must be accompanied by an adult at the bus stop in the morning and must be met by an adult in the afternoon throughout the year.
- Note: If families have moved, you need to provide the appropriate paperwork (lease/deed AND an Eversource bill) to central office so your address can be changed. School contacts Karis Miller (millerk@wiltonps.org) or Erika Cross (crosse@wiltonps.org).
- Any questions, concerns fill out this <u>form</u>.
- Lost & Found: Items left on a bus are placed in the Lost & Found bin outside the
 office at the bus terminal (across from Middlebrook). Anything of value,
 please contact the bus company directly at 203-762-8600.
- Helaine Walker WPS Transportation Liaison, walkerh@wiltonps.org



DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP

Drop-off from 8:45-9:00 am Pick-up begins at 3:30 pm

- The designated drop-off/pick-up area <u>always defaults to the youngest child</u>
- Place a large card with your child's last name on your passenger-side visor



ORANGE: PRESCHOOL students and siblings

PURPLE: All kindergarten + Porte, DiRocco, Cortese,

Lanzarotto, Cataldo & Constantino

YELLOW: Yellow & Orange Core Classrooms + Casl,

Tripaldi, Giacomini, Amiano, Miller, Dec and Sarno



SPIRIT WEAR

Spirit Day is the first Friday of every month!

Wear your MD gear or red & blue!

MD gear will be sold at Meet the Teacher and Playground Meetups

***Don't forget to label everything!!!

Order customized labels from Mabel's Labels



MILLER-DRISCOLL 2025-2026

Supplies listed are the exact items that are included if you order the precompleted EduKits. If you choose to purchase supplies listed below separately, please note, exact brand names are not necessary.

KINDERGARTEN

- (4) Elmer's® Large Washable All Purpose School Glue Stick, .77 oz.
- (2) Crayola® Ultra-CleanWashable Color Max Markers, Classic Colors, **Broad** Tip, 8 ct.
- (1) Crayola® Ultra-Clean Washable Color Max Markers, Classic Colors, Fine Tip, 8 ct.
- (2) Crayola® Crayons, 24 ct.
- (1) School Supply Box, 8" x 5" x 2", Assorted Colors
- (4) Expo® Low Odor Dry Erase Marker, Fine Tip, Black (1) Tank Highlighter, Yellow
- (1) Highland self stick notes 3x3, 100 sheets, yellow
- (1) Noot® K11 Foldable Stereo On-Ear Headset, Assorted Colors
- (1) Paper Mate Flair Pen, Medium Point, Black



FIRST GRADE

- (3) Elmer's® Large Washable All Purpose School Glue Stick, 0.77 oz.
- (1) Crayola[®] Crayons, 24 ct.
- (1) Crayola® Ultra Clean Washable Color Max Markers, Classic Colors, Broad Tip, 8 ct
- (1) School Supply Box, 8" x 5" x 2", Assorted Colors
- (2) Paper Mate® Flair Pen, Medium Point, Black
- (2) Pink Pearl® Eraser, Latex-Free
- (6) Expo® Low Odor Dry Erase Marker, Fine Tip, Black
- (1) Tank Highlighter, Yellow
- (1) Noot® K11 Foldable Stereo On-Ear Headset, Assorted Colors

SECOND GRADE

- (1) Crayola® Ultra Clean Washable Color Max Markers, Classic Colors, Broad Tip, 8 ct.
- (1) School Supply Box, 8" x 5" x 2", Assorted Colors
- (1) Elmer's® Large Washable All Purpose School Glue Stick, 0.77 oz.
- (1) Crayola[®] Crayons, 24 ct.
- (3) Paper Mate® Flair Pen, Medium Point, Black
- (1) Avery® Hi-Liter® ChiselTip Pen Style Pocket Highlighter
- (1) Pink Pearl® Eraser, Latex-Free
- (4) Expo® Low Odor Dry Erase Marker, Fine Tip, Black
- (1) Pair Kids' Scissors, Blunt-Tip, 5", Ages 4+, Assorted Colors
- (1) Noot® K11 Foldable Stereo On-Ear Headset, Assorted Colors



The Wilton SEPTA's mission is to build compassionate, trusting, and collaborative relationships with all members of our schools and community. We strive to ensure that the diversity of all children receiving Special Education and related services will be supported, celebrated and socially embraced. Collectively, we will work to increase access to resources, empowering every child with the opportunity and inspiration to thrive.

Supporting SEPTA supports everyone!

Membership is open to all Wilton families and educators. JOIN NOW!

Send us an email at wiltonsepta@gmail.com

MILLER-DRISCOLL HANDBOOK <u>LINK</u>

WILTON PUBLIC SCHOOL HANDBOOK LINK

WPS Student and Family Handbook is divided into three sections:

Section One: General Information

The district calendar master calendar and the holiday calendar as well as key dates for back to school nights and open houses.

Section Two: Notifications and Communication

More detailed information about the district's various digital systems as well as detailed information about ParentSquare, MySchoolBucks and school transportation.

Section Three: Students Rights and Responsibilities

Provides families with copies of select board of education policies (the entire policy manual can be found under the Board of Education tab on our website). This section contains information on the district's cell phone-free school initiative and also the detailed student code of conduct for each school. We provide this in an effort to promote greater clarity around student behavioral expectations and the approach the district utilizes when responding to student misbehavior.



WELCOME BACK FROM THE PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

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LOOKING FORWARD TO AN AMAZING YEAR!

